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SUBJECT: ONCE AGAIN A PRESIDENTIAL PALACE SOURCE COMMENTS ON THE
NUCLEAR QUESTION

REF: BRASILIA 1535

1. SUMMARY. ANOTHER BACKGROUNDER APPARENTLY FROM A
PRESIDENTIAL PALACE SOURCE HAS APPEARED IN O ESTADO DE SAO
PAULO. THE STORY'S MAIN POINTS ARE:
(A) THE DEPUTY SECRETARY DID NOT REACH HIS OBJECTIVES
IN BRASILIA; (B) THE GOB HAS NOT THE SLIGHTEST INTEREST
IN OPENING AREAS OF FRICTION WITH THE US, BUT NEITHER WILL IT
ABSTAIN FROM NUCLEAR ENERGY BECAUSE OF US FEAR; (C) THE GOB
WILL NOT DISCUSS THE BRASILIAN/GERMAN AGREEMENT, AND IT WILL NOT
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CEDE TO PRESSURES UNDER ANY HYPOTHESIS.
END SUMMARY.

2. THE O ESTADO STORY, WRITTEN BY CARLOS CHAGAS, APPEARED IN THE
MARCH 4 EDITION. TEXT FOLLOWS. BEGIN QUOTE

3. "FOR BRAZIL, THE TRIP OF DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER SERVED

TO PERMIT THE SERENE REAFFIRMATION OF OUR POINTS OF VIEW AND OF OUR INTERESTS. FOR THE UNITED STATES, THE VISIT BROUGHT NOTHING, FOR THE AMERICAN EMISSARY LEFT BRASILIA AS HE ARRIVED--WITHOUT HAVING REACHED HIS OBJECTIVES.

4. "THIS OBSERVATION COMES FROM AN AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE, AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL, WHO SAID CHANCELLOR SILVEIRA'S POSTURE IN THE EXCHANGES WITH SECRETARY VANCE'S EMISSARY WAS ONE OF TRANQUILITY AND FIRMNESS. HE (COMMENT: THE DEPUTY SECRETARY) DEMANDED, IN GENERAL TERMS, THAT WE GIVE UP OUR TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND OUR OWN FUTURE. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT ONCE MENTION THE BRAZILIAN-GERMAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT, HE TRIED TO CONVINCE US TO PURSUE ANOTHER COURSE, THAT IS, TO CLIMB DOWN FROM OUR INTENTION TO SEE INSTALLED IN BRAZIL, THROUGH THE AGREEMENT, A REPROCESSING PLANT WITHOUT INTERFERENCE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

5. "THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUES NOT TO HAVE THE SLIGHTEST INTEREST IN OPENING AREAS OF FRICTION WITH THE UNITED STATES, 'ALSO BECAUSE, AT BOTTOM, THERE IS NO DISAGREEMENT: WE ALSO ARE AGAINST THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR DEVICES AND WE HAVE PLACED OURSELVES IN A POSITION CLEARLY CONTRARY TO THE FABRICATION OF BOMBS.' THIS IS NOT OUR INTENTION, AND THIS HAS BEEN MADE VERY CLEAR IN THE STATEMENTS OF OUR OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR FOREIGN POLICY. IT IS JUST THAT 'WE CANNOT HAVE OUR HEAD CUT OFF,' OR IN OTHER WORDS, IN THE MOMENT IN WHICH NUCLEAR ENERGY EMERGES AS A GREAT ALTERNATIVE FOR DEVELOPMENT, WE WILL NOT ABASTIN FROM ITS IMPLATATION HERE BECAUSE OF AMERICAN FEAR. WE ALREADY HAVE SIGND THE SPECIFIC SAFEGUARDS OF THE IAEA, AND WE EVEN CAN
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EXAMINE THE HYPOTHESIS OF ACCEPTING OTHERS PROVIDED THAT THEY ARE EMPLOYED GLOBALLY AS A COMMITMENT OF ALL THE COMMUNITY THAT BELONGS TO IAEA. WE WILL NEVER CEDE, HOWEVER, IN THE FACE OF PRESSURES DIRECTED AGAINST OUR RIGHT AND OUR SOVEREIGNTY.

6. "THE GOVERNMENT, ACCORDING TO THE SAME SPOKESMAN, HOPES THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS UNDERSTOOD OUR POINT OF VIEW, EVEN THOUGH WE ARE OPEN TO NEW CONVERSATIONS PROVIDED THAT THEY ARE GENERIC AND NEVER ARE ORIENTED TO THE GERMAN AGREEMENT, WHICH WILL NOT AGREE TO DEBATE OR DISCUSS. OUR TRADITION IS FAITHFULLY TO EXECUTE OUR INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS.

7. "IN SUM, ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL OPINION OBTAINED IN THE EXECUTIVE, THERE IS NO HYPOTHESIS UNDER WHICH WE WILL CEDE TO PRESSURES. WE WOULD WISH AS WELL THAT THEY DID NOT EXIST, BECAUSE THEY CONTRIBUTE TO THE CREATION OF A DISAGREEABLE CLIMATE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. WE WILL NOT GIVE THE SLIGHTEST PRETEXT FOR THE DETERIORATION OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE AMERICANS, BUT WE HOPE THAT THEY ARE CONVINCED OF HARMLESSNESS (INOCUIDADE) OF CONTINUING

TO PRESSURE US. FINALLY, THE UNITED STATES HAD FULL AND TOTAL LIBERTY IN ITS NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT, AS DID THE OTHER NATIONS WHICH TODAY ARE MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP. IT IS WORTH REPEATING THAT WE ARE NOT INITIATING OUR JOURNEY WITH WARLIKE INTENTIONS, FOR FABRICATING THE BOMB NEVER WAS IN OUR PLANS. IT IS JUST THAT WE CANNOT GIVE UP THE FULL UTILIZATION, FOR PEACEFUL ENDS, OF THAT ENERGY SOURCE. END QUOTE.

8. COMMENT: A JOURNALIST WHO MAY BE IN A POSITION TO KNOW TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE SOURCE OF THE LAST INTERVIEW GIVEN TO CHAGAS (REF) WAS GENERAL HUGO ABREAU, CHIEF OF THE PRESIDENT'S MILITARY HOUSEHOLD. WE PRESUME THE SAME SOURCE FOR THE PRESENT ARTICLE. ANOTHER WELL-CONNECTED JOURNALIST TOLD EMBOFF ON MARCH 4 THAT GOB OFFICIALS WERE BECOMING QUITE CONCERNED OVER HOW THE FRG WOULD RESPOND TO US PRESSURES.
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